

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.5682
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26TH JULY, 2019**

RESEARCH ON ACUTE ENCEPHALITIS SYNDROME

5682. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of **HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE** be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken by the Government in the past to find out the cause behind the Acute Encephalitis Syndrome;
- (b) whether any research team consisting of medical professionals was constituted in the past by the Government to carry out the research study and find the cause of disease in Muzaffarpur and neighbouring affected area;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the report of the said Committee is likely to be submitted and made publicly available; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)**

(a) to (d): Various organizations like National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Vector Borne Disease Control Programme (NVBDCP), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) have undertaken studies to find out the cause of Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES). However, in these studies some areas were not fully defined. Accordingly, Government has constituted inter-disciplinary, high quality research team under ICMR involving various stakeholders, such as, the Ministry of Science & Technology, Ministry of Women & Child Department, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, Indian Meteorological Department, National Institute of Nutrition, NCDC.